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Atty. Dkt. No. 016790-0425

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Holger BIRK, et al
Title: LASER ILLUMINATOR AND
METHOD (As Amended)
Appl. No.: 09/881,212
Filing Date: 06/15/2001
Examiner: I. NEGRON
Art Unit: 2875

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Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- ☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	26	—	24	=	1	x	\$18.00	=	\$36.00
Independents:	4	—	4	=	0	x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:						+	\$280.00	=	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:									\$36.00

- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$410.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$930.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,450.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,970.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$36.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:		\$36.00

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$36.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$36.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date March 3, 2003

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, please consider the following remarks and amend the above-captioned application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for claims 1, 9, 20 and 24, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

1. (Once Amended) A method for illuminating an object comprising the following steps:
- generating a light beam with a laser,
 - injecting the light beam into a microstructured optical element which spectrally broadens the light of the light beam,
 - shaping the spectrally broadened light beam to form an illumination light beam, and
 - directing the illumination light beam onto the object,

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